Dear Mr. Neichter, 6/18/92

I'm into too much for one of my age and limitations but at the moment, with my wife canning and freezing strawberries and a history professors friend working in my files I can at least begin a response.

We mailed you the Whitewash last week. If it does not come, let me know.

What you say about Senator Cooper is correct and I regret learning about his position too late. As you'll see from Whitewash IV, I think, I had a relationship with Senator Russell, who had, along with Senator Cooper, very strong reservations about the Report, particularly the single-bullet theory, which they rejected. Congressman Boggs was not as firm in his opporition.

Senator Russell's deposit at the University of Georgia confirms our relationship. According to the memo to him from his legislative assistant, we were in agreement. It is tragic that he knew he was in terminal illness when we were in touch.

If Senator Cooper had let any indication of his doubts be known I'd have been in touch with him and could have given him much.

In retrospect, I should have know that any male Kentuckian would never have gone for that concoction about ~~rifles~~ rifles and shooting! I spent time in Southeastern Kentucky years ago, Harlan and London Counties, had good friends, including some expert shots, and one gave me an old Stevens dueling pistol he had inserted the rifling of a .22 into. It is an accurate pistol. I used to shoot rats in the henhouses with it after dark.

It may interest you to know that I was first in Kentucky when Justice borrowed me from the staff of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee for its "Bloody Harlan" prosecution, U.S.v.Mary Helen et al, circa 1938. I assisted the prosection in various ways, more than for help in preparing duces tecum subpoenas, until I learned how and by whom the jury had been fixed. When the Assistant AG in charge of the case and the FBI agents did not believe me, I got relieved to return to my Senate job.

Is Cooper still alive? Would he, if alive, want to know anything at his age. I'm ~~76~~ 79 and he would be much older. I did sent him and the other Commission members a copy of Whitewash in 1966. He did notrespond then.Maybe he never saw it.

My books were the first to use the Milteer tape, but I did in the sense of is this a way to run an investigation. I doubt there is relevance.

Bugliosi is commercializing the assassination. He knows nothing about it, actually. If he had any self-respect he'd never have responded to you as he did.

Everything I have goes to local Hood College, a fine formerly all-girls' school, now largely still tght, and it is excellent. It has a supermodern library yet to be dedicated officially and when my records are there plans to make them available to other institutions by means of modern electronic gadgetry that is and will be a mystery to me. The students use my records and some duplicates they have and have for some years. They've turned out

some good papers, too. Including on the King assassination. I was Ray's investigator. I did the investigating for the successful habeas corpus and for the two weeks of evidentiary hearings to determine whether he'd get a trail. Based on my evidence and a theory I developed for the case-after all, he had been represented by Percy Foreman - we exculpated Ray. But the judge held that guilt or innocence were then immaterial and ruled against him. I hold several seminars at Hood each year.

I have the JAMA stories, thanks, and have begun what I hope I'll be able to finish a book on it. The overt lying is incredible! And it makes a good peg on which to hang the documented proof.

I do appreciate your kind comments. And I never believed there was anything to fear. My wife will prepare the package. If as I think you overpaid, she's adjust it.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg